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CHAPTER 153

**An Act respecting
Maimonides Schools for Jewish Studies**

*Assented to March 26th, 1969
Session Prorogued December 17th, 1969*

WHEREAS Harry P. Botnick, Abraham Bleeman, ^{Preamble} Yaakov S. Weinberg, Sandor Hofstedter, Wilferd Gordon, Q.C., Mark A. Levy, Alex Rubin, Gedalyah Felder, Nachum L. Rabinovitch and Nota Schiller by their petition have represented that it is desirable to incorporate an institution for studies and research in higher Jewish learning and cognate fields within the Province of Ontario; and whereas the petitioners have prayed for special legislation to effect such purpose; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petition;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. Harry P. Botnick, Abraham Bleeman, Yaakov S. ^{Incorporation} Weinberg, Sandor Hofstedter, Wilferd Gordon, Q.C., Mark A. Levy, Alex Rubin, Gedalyah Felder, Nachum L. Rabinovitch, Nota Schiller and such other persons as may hereafter be elected or appointed President, or a member of the Senate or Board of Governors of Maimonides Schools, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal under the name of "Maimonides Schools for Jewish Studies", hereinafter called Maimonides Schools.

2. Maimonides Schools has the following university ^{Powers} powers:

- (a) to establish and maintain a faculty of Rabbis ^{Faculty} and Theology, and institutes, departments, chairs ^{institutes, etc.} and courses for studies and research in higher Jewish learning;
- (b) to grant in all branches of higher Jewish learning all ^{Degrees} university degrees that are specific in their designa-

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tion to branches of higher Jewish learning, and such diplomas as it deems appropriate, but such power shall only be effective if, as the result of federation, affiliation or agreement, provision is in effect for courses not directly related to higher Jewish learning to be taken by its students at or under the supervision of a university which has had degree-granting rights conferred by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario;

Affiliation

- (c) to affiliate with, or take into affiliation or federate with, other colleges, schools, universities and institutions of learning on such terms and for such periods of time as the Board of Governors may determine;

Publications

- (d) to publish and distribute periodicals and books related to studies and research in higher Jewish learning;

Fellowships

- (e) to establish fellowships for students engaged in studies and research in higher Jewish learning.

Property
R.S.O. 1960,
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3.—(1) Maimonides Schools has in addition to the powers, rights and privileges mentioned in section 26 of *The Interpretation Act*, the power to purchase or otherwise acquire, take or receive by gift, deed, bequest or devise or otherwise any real or personal property necessary for its actual use and occupation or for carrying on its undertaking absolutely or in trust and to hold and enjoy any estate or property whatsoever, and to sell, grant, convey, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, charge, lease and otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof from time to time as occasion may require, and to acquire other estate and property in addition thereto without licence in mortmain and without limitation as to the period of holding.

Borrowing
Powers

(2) Maimonides Schools has power,

- (a) to borrow money on its credit in such amounts, on such terms and from such persons, firms and corporations, including chartered banks, as may be determined by the Board of Governors;
- (b) to make, draw and endorse promissory notes or bills of exchange;
- (c) to mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or charge any or all of its personal and real property to secure any money so borrowed or the fulfilment of the obligation incurred by it under any promissory note or bill of exchange signed, made, drawn or endorsed by it;

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4. The funds of Maimonides Schools not immediately re-^{Investment powers}quired for its purposes and the proceeds of all property that come into Maimonides Schools, subject to any trusts affecting the same, may be invested and reinvested in such investments as the Board of Governors of Maimonides Schools deems proper and all its property and revenue shall be applied for the attainment of the objects for which Maimonides Schools is constituted and to the payment of expenses incurred for objects legitimately connected with or depending on the purposes aforesaid.

5.—(1) There shall be a Board of Governors of Mai-^{Board of Governors}monides Schools that shall consist of the persons named in section 1, who shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed, and such other persons, not exceeding eighteen in number, as may be elected or appointed in such manner and for such term as may be provided in the by-laws of the Board.

(2) The Board of Governors shall appoint persons to fill ^{Vacancies}vacancies that occur in the Board.

(3) If, within any fiscal year of Maimonides Schools, a ^{Idem}member of the Board of Governors, not having been granted leave of absence by the Board, attends less than 50 per cent of the regular meetings of the Board, the Board may, by resolution, declare vacant the seat of such member.

6. The Board of Governors has the control, management ^{Management of Maimonides Schools}and government of Maimonides Schools and has power to make by-laws, rules and regulations not contrary to law or the provisions of this Act,

- (a) for the working and management of Maimonides Schools;
- (b) for determining the number of members of the Board that shall constitute a quorum;
- (c) respecting the election or appointment of members of the Board; and
- (d) regulating all matters pertaining to meetings of the Board.

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President

7.—(1) The first President of Maimonides Schools shall be Rabbi Yaakov S. Weinberg, and his successors and all subsequent Presidents shall be appointed by the Board of Governors and the Senate of Maimonides Schools from a panel of candidates to be recommended by an international board of educators in higher Jewish learning, which board shall be appointed by the Senate.

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(2) The President shall be responsible, with the advice of the Senate of Maimonides Schools, for supervising, directing and regulating the system of education of Maimonides Schools, for determining the courses of study and standards of admission and qualifications for degrees, for conferring degrees, and for appointing and removing members of the faculty and the officers and servants of Maimonides Schools.

Senate

8.—(1) There shall be a Senate of Maimonides Schools composed of,

- (a) the President, who shall be its Chairman;
- (b) two members of the Board of Governors;
- (c) two representatives elected by the student body;
- (d) the Dean or Director, as the case may be, of each faculty or department of Maimonides Schools;
- (e) not fewer than three and not more than seven members of the faculty to be elected by the faculty.

Vacancy

(2) The body possessing the power of election or appointment may fill a vacancy on the Senate for the unexpired portion of any term.

Liability
of members,
etc.

9. Nothing herein contained has the effect or shall be construed to have the effect of rendering all or any of the members or officers of Maimonides Schools, or any person whatsoever, individually liable or accountable for or by reason of any debt, contract or security incurred or entered into for or by reason of Maimonides Schools or for or on account or in respect of any matter or thing whatsoever relating to Maimonides Schools.

Tax
exemption

10. Property vested in Maimonides Schools and any property leased to and occupied by Maimonides Schools are not liable for taxation for provincial, municipal or school purposes and are exempt from every description of such taxation, so long as the same are actually used and occupied for the purposes of the Maimonides Schools.

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11. All property vested in Maimonides Schools shall, as far as the application thereto of any statute of limitations is concerned, be deemed to have been and to be real property vested in the Crown for the public use of Ontario.

12. Real property vested in Maimonides Schools is not liable to be entered upon, used or taken by any corporation, except a municipal corporation, or by any person possessing the right of taking real property compulsorily for any purpose, and no power to expropriate real property hereafter conferred extends to such real property unless in the Act conferring the power it is made in express terms to apply thereto.

13. This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

14. This Act may be cited as *The Maimonides Schools for Jewish Studies Act, 1968-69*.